

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9-11, 18, 21-23, 26, and 28 are pending in the application. The independent claims, 1, 18, and 23, have been amended.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9-11, 18, 21-23, and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent no. 5, 825,943 (“DeVito”) in view of U.S. patent no. 6,765,559 (“Hayakawa”).

Claims 1 and 23 have been amended and each recites providing access to a digitized image file of at least one of a next preceding and a next succeeding page of a results page, wherein the next preceding and the next succeeding page is devoid of a selected text string. Claim 18 has been amended and recites providing access to at least one of a next successive digital image file and a next preceding digital image file, wherein each of the next successive and the next preceding digital image files is devoid of the selected text string.

DeVito describes a method for providing a display of a portion of a page containing a search phrase (DeVito at abstract). Hayakawa describes providing a user interface that includes a metaphor like a book to enable a user to turn pages as if he or she is turning pages of a book (Hayakawa at col. 3, ll. 25-27).

The Office Action asserts that DeVito in combination with Hayakawa teach the claimed invention because, in part, Hayakawa describes a current page read from a storage unit that is to be displayed at present, and a next display page setting step of setting a preceding page or a succeeding page (Hayakawa at abstract). The Office Action advises Applicant to consider Hayakawa, and Applicant again has done so. And again, even assuming that one skilled in the art would be motivated to combine DeVito with Hayakawa (and Applicant does not concede as much), Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection. Hayakawa teaches nothing more than a method for enabling a user to view information on a display as if the user is turning pages of a book. The combination of DeVito and Hayakawa, at most, teaches displaying a portion of a page having a search phrase (DeVito) and then turning to a next page having the search phrase (DeVito) as if by turning the pages of a book (Hayakawa). In other words, applying the method of Hayakawa to the results of a search under DeVito results in nothing more than displaying the results of the DeVito search such that the user can view the results as if turning pages of a book. Neither

DeVito nor Hayakawa discloses, teaches, or suggests providing access to a digitized image file of at least one of a next preceding and next succeeding page that is devoid of a selected text string. Likewise, the combination of DeVito and Hayakawa does not disclose, teach, or suggest providing access to a digitized image file of at least one of a next preceding and a next succeeding page that is devoid of a selected text string. Thus claims 1, 18, and 23 are patentable over DeVito in view of Hayakawa and are allowable.

As claims 3, 4, 7, 9-11 ultimately depend from claim 1, claims 21 and 22 depend from claim 18, and claim 26 depends from claim 23, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 3, 4, 7, 9-11, 21-22, and 26 likewise patentably define over the cited references and are allowable.

As before, claim 28 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeVito in view of U.S. publication no. 2001/0041021 (“Boyle”). The Office Action does not address Applicant’s previous argument that DeVito in view of Boyle does not render claim 28 unpatentable. Boyle discusses providing a conduit between a handheld electronic device and a remote storage unit, allowing a user to transfer images captured by an image capture device attached to the handheld electronic device, and synchronizing data between the handheld electronic device and the remote storage unit (Boyle at abstract). DeVito and Boyle, alone or in combination, do not disclose, teach or suggest providing access to a digitized image file of at least one of a next preceding and a next succeeding page of a results page, as recited in independent claim 1, from which claim 28 depends. Additionally, DeVito and Boyle, alone or in combination, do not disclose, teach or suggest providing access to a digitized image file of at least one of a next preceding and next succeeding page that is devoid of a selected text string. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 28 patentably defines over DeVito in view of Boyle and is allowable.

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For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9-11, 18, 21-23, 26, and 28.

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